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## Poland, farmers reach accord

WARSAW, April 17 (Agencies) — An agreement has been signed between the Polish government and farmers for an independent union for the nation's 3.5 million private farmers, Solidarity trade union announced Friday. The negotiations have been carried out at Bydgoszcz, about 160 kms north-west of here.

Solidarity said that the agreement was signed Friday morning and stipulated that an independent agricultural union would be legally registered before May 10.

Jan Kulaj, leader of farmers' union consisted during a nationwide congress in Poznan March 1, argued during talks with government officials that there should be an agreement, "saying clearly that the union will be registered," the Solidarity spokesman said.

Joining him was the leader of the farmers in Bydgoszcz, Roman Bartoszcze, who is the son of Michal Bartoszcze, one of three persons beaten when police cleared a government meeting hall after a discussion of the farmers and other Solidarity issues March 19.

The government negotiators apparently believe that a declaration of intent is enough to guarantee the registration of a union of farmers, the Solidarity spokesman said.

The radio said farmers were told "the road is cleared" for registration of their union, which had been bitterly opposed by Communist Party leader Stanislaw Kania and other senior officials. According to the broadcast, the formula was worked out during negotiations by a government commission under Minister for Trade and Union Affairs Stanislaw Ciosek and Deputy Agriculture Minister Andrzej Kacala.

In return the farmers agreed to recognize the leading role of the Communist Party in Polish life, a condition accepted also by the independent trade union Solidarity.

The commission told the farmers that the legal foundation for their union will be contained in new legislation of trade unions and rural self-government which are still being drafted by parliamentary commissions.



REAGAN-LUNS MEETING: President Ronald Reagan meets with NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns in the family quarters of the White House Thursday. Also at the meeting are (right to left) Secretary of State Alexander Haig, Vice President George Bush and National Security Adviser Richard Allen.

## U.S. cautions Europe over Soviet designs

BOSTON, April 17 (AP) — The United States is working hard to convince European allies that the Soviet Union "could bring the West to its knees" by seizing control of Middle Eastern oil, the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff has said. Gen. David C. Jones said in a speech to the World Affairs Council of Boston that the Europeans' military performance "is somewhat spotty."

"If the oil in the Middle East was interrupted for any sustained time period, it would have a devastating impact upon the economies of the world," he said. "And if the Soviets gained control of the oil from the Middle East, they could bring the West to its knees just as surely as if they had a successful invasion of Soviet soldiers into Western Europe."

Jones said he tried to emphasize this point during a recent meeting in Bonn with NATO leaders.

"They are more dependent on oil from the Middle East than we are," he said. "They haven't really faced us to that recognition adequately. And we'll work hard on them to do more." Jones said the Russians have steadily increased their military strength in southwest Asia since their December 1979 invasion of Afghanistan.

"Across the board," he said, "their capability continues to increase." Jones warned that the West is facing an extremely dangerous period over the next decade.

The Soviet Union has a geographic advantage, particularly in southwest Asia, Jones said.

In another development the head of NATO said concern of a Russian intervention in Poland has lessened in recent days. Joseph Luns, secretary general of the North Atlantic Alliance said after conferring with co-chaesing U.S. President Ronald Reagan Thursday that the recent agreement on a "cooling off" period between the Polish government and the labor union "has also cooled off the fears of a direct Soviet intervention."

"I think the situation has cleared up somewhat around Poland," Luns said.

The NATO chief was the first person from outside the president's personal or official family to see Reagan during his recuperation

in the living quarters of the White House. "I was astonished at his vitality," the European diplomat said after their 30-minute session.

Secretary of State Alexander Haig, who also attended the meeting, echoed Luns' comments on Poland. Haig called the situation there "considerably improved," an assessment similar to the one he offered last week.

On another matter, Haig reaffirmed the administration's commitment to eventual negotiations with the Soviet Union on limiting deployment of medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe. He said there would be an unspecified announcement in the near future.

## Lebanon keen on ending crisis

By Bob Lebling and Fouzi Asmar  
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 17 — Lebanon wants to try to resolve the current crisis between Phalangist militiamen and Syrian peacekeeping troops on its own or with Arab help before resorting to the U.N. Security Council, Lebanese Ambassador to the United Nations Ghassan Tuani said.

"Lebanon is not asking anything of the Security Council at this time," Tuani said in a telephone interview with Arab News. "The Council is asking on its own."

The Security Council met Wednesday night to discuss a draft resolution calling for a ceasefire between Syrian and Phalangist forces in the Beqaa area.

No decision was reached on the draft resolution, in part because of the Soviet Union's insistence that the resolution contain provisions directed against Israel for its actions in south Lebanon, sources said.

The draft resolution under discussion —

proposed by Ireland, the current president of the Security Council — does not include any references to Syrian withdrawal from Lebanon, a position advocated by Israel and the Phalangists.

Arab envoys at the U.N. were waiting instructions from their governments before holding a "caucus" of the Arab states at U.N. headquarters in New York to discuss the draft resolution.

In his interview, Ambassador Tuani said Lebanon "is grateful to the Security Council and all those countries that want to do something to help Lebanon."

But the Lebanese government "wants to exhaust all options" before seeking the help of the United Nations, he said.

These options include an internal solution to the crisis, mediation involving several Arab states, and pan-Arab action, the ambassador said. If these approaches do not bear fruit, Lebanon would consider seeking help from the Security Council, Tuani added.

"It is not to our benefit as Lebanese or as Arabs to block any movement by the Security Council and the U.N., particularly since we have problems in south Lebanon," he said.

"We will not try to stop any resolution the Security Council may take, but we are not asking for such help at this time," he stressed.

Tuani noted that Lebanon was "different from Israel, because we want to encourage the Security Council, while Israel wants to put obstacles in the Council's path."

Israel "thinks the Security Council does not exist," the ambassador said.

Tuani also said that the United States has made it clear that it supports the legitimate central government of Lebanon.

U.N. sources said Lebanon did not favor the proposed ceasefire resolution because it effectively accords the Phalangist militia the status of an equal to Syria, thus encouraging Phalangist aims to partition Lebanon.

The general Arab position now coalescing at the U.N. is one of support for the position of the Lebanese government and a reluctance to see an internationalization of the conflict, sources said.

## Saud arrives in Katmandu

KATMANDU, Nepal, April 17 (AP) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal arrived here Friday on an official visit to the Himalayan kingdom. He was received at the airport by Nepal's Foreign Minister K.B. Shahi.

Prince Saud told newsmen "we will hold discussions and try to provide a sound basis for closer and significant ties" between the two countries. This is the first visit of a Saudi Arabian foreign minister to Nepal since diplomatic relations between the two countries were established in 1977.

Earlier at the conclusion of his visit to Sri Lanka Prince Saud said Friday that nonaligned countries had a special responsibility to find a solution to the Afghanistan problem. Afghanistan was among international problems he discussed during talks here with Sri Lanka leaders.

Prince Saud, who also visited Bangladesh, India and Pakistan, told reporters before leaving on the final leg of his tour that Sri Lanka and Saudi Arabia had great hope that the nonaligned movement would become again an association to serve the interests of its members.



DONKEY D'AMOUR: Ollie, the elephant, met Ruben, the donkey, at a police camp only a few months old she saw trishmen near Oshakati back her mother to death — and teacher took the baby elephant to Ashakati and the townsfolk "adopted" her. The local police camp, however Ollie became very lonely and the resourceful police got Ollie, the baby elephant and the donkey have now become companions for 2 1/2 years. They shy about getting in the water Ollie splashes him and gives him playful nudges with her trunk. Pensions for Ollie once she is full grown are uncertain, but in the meanwhile the soft drink lover. He opens the cans with ease and devours the contents in a few minutes.



(AP Wirephoto)

In Namibia and it was love at first sight. Until then Ollie's life had been a tough one. When was due for the same treatment, but saved by a more conservation minded person. A baby elephant was fed antibiotics until she regained full strength and became the ward of Ruben, the donkey, as a "stand-in" pal as there were no suitable elephantine companions, eat, play — and frolic in the water together. And when Ruben the donkey is a bit cranky, Ollie once she is full grown are uncertain, but in the meanwhile the soft drink lover. He opens the cans with ease and devours the contents in a few minutes.

## Storm kills 120 in eastern India

NEW DELHI, April 17 (AP) — A powerful thunderstorm swept through four villages in eastern India Friday, killing at least 120 persons, the government-run Indian television reported. In an evening Hindi language broadcast, the television quoted official sources in Keonjhar district, Orissa state, as saying that four villages were devastated by the hour-long storm.

It said that there were no reports of the number of the injured persons although at least 2,000 hutments were destroyed. More than 1,000 head of cattle died in the storm.

The villages were not named but Keonjhar district is located about 300 kms southwest of Calcutta. A similar violent storm in Koenjgarh, 200 kms north of the state capital of Bhubaneswar, claimed 176 lives three years ago, PTI said.

## Explosion kills 15 coal miners

REDSTONE, Colorado, April 17 (AP) — Rescue workers found the bodies of 15 coal miners early Friday, a day and a half after an explosion ripped through the Dutch Creek No. 1 Mine in the Colorado Rockies, a spokeswoman for the mine operator said.

The discovery of the 15th body just after sunrise Friday concluded the search for those killed in the explosion Wednesday afternoon, said Marvin Meyers, personnel director for Mid Continent Resources Co., which operates the mine 50 kms west of Aspen.

The cause of the explosion was not immediately known, but there was speculation that the miners might have hit a methane gas pocket, which triggered the blast. Miners say being near a methane explosion in a mine shaft would be like being in an exploding gun barrel.

Nine bodies were discovered in the main tunnel just before midnight Thursday, and five more were found about three hours later

## Cotton plant destroyed

KHARTOUM, April 17 (AFP) — A huge fire has broken out at a cotton seed plant at Algadid Althawra, 45 kms south of here, and has so far caused damage estimated at \$12 million, the Sudan News Agency reported Friday.

The fire, which began Thursday, was expected to continue burning for several days, according to a fire brigade source quoted by the agency. It had destroyed 30,000 tons of cotton seed and 2,000 tons of cotton up to Thursday night.

## Kabul talks useful, U.N. envoy says

By Shahid Oraikani  
Arab News Correspondent

ISLAMABAD, April 17 — The special U.N. representative on Afghanistan Perez de Cuellar, who is currently engaged in spadework for bringing Pakistan, Iran and the ruling Party of Afghanistan to a negotiating table, returned here Friday from Kabul after what he called "useful" talks with leaders of the Soviet-backed regime.

Cuellar, who flew to the Afghan capital Wednesday after three days of talks with Pakistani leaders, met Afghan Minister Babrak Karmal and foreign Minister Shah Muhammad Dost.

Soon after his arrival in Islamabad he went into session with foreign Minister Agha Shahi to convey the Afghan response to Pakistani pre-conditions for a political dialogue.

Officials evaded comment on the nature of Afghan response to Pakistan's initiative for a U.N.-sponsored dialogue to achieve a political settlement of the crisis.

While the Karmal administration prefers direct separate talks with her two neighbors, Pakistan favors talks with ruling Afghan party without formally recognizing the puppet regime, whereas Iran has flatly refused to enter into any negotiations with the Soviet-backed government.

Cuellar was appointed as secretary general's special envoy on Afghanistan last February in accordance with a General Assembly resolution in November which asked the secretary general to arrange for a political dialogue. He was returning to U.N. headquarters to report back to Kurt Waldheim.

## Gulf 'concerns' Thatcher

By Nicholas Moore

RIVADH, April 17 (R) — Defense of the Gulf and its oilfields will be one of the main concerns of Margaret Thatcher when she arrives in Saudi Arabia Sunday on the first visit by a British prime minister. Mrs. Thatcher will also want to promote the 10-nation European community's Middle East "initiative" calling for the Palestine Liberation (P.L.O.) to be involved in settlement negotiations with Israel.

British businessmen hope she will also keep in mind the \$1.9 billion British trade deficit with the world's leading oil exporter.

For Saudi Arabia there will be another chance, following a visit two weeks ago by U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, to press its view that the Arab-Israeli dispute rather than Soviet policy is the chief threat to Middle East stability and the safe flow of Gulf oil.

Gulf newspapers reacted sharply when Mrs. Thatcher recently pledged British participation in a U.S. Rapid Deployment Force proposed to deter Soviet or other threats to the Gulf oilfields.

In public statements Saudi Arabian leaders have shown little enthusiasm for that idea, suggesting the West should concentrate instead on persuading Israel to resolve the Palestinian issue and, in the Gulf itself, on helping regional powers to arm themselves. Mrs. Thatcher has been clarifying her attitude saying there is no question of sending any force if people did not wish it to go.

British businessmen hope the prime minister's visit will help their efforts to clinch contracts against tough competition from trade rivals, including Japan and France. Mrs. Thatcher comes here from India and will go on to visit the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Qatar where security and trade are also expected to be the key topics.

Saudi Arabia bought about \$2.5 billion worth of British goods in 1980, up 17.5 per cent in value from 1979. The trade deficit was in a sense artificial, incurred by Britain buying heavy Saudi Arabian oil while selling its own North Sea crudes at higher prices elsewhere.

But British businessmen have been hampered by the strength of the pound and the last year's diplomatic row between the two countries.

Thatcher was quoted as saying Friday she was proud to be called an "Iron lady" by the Soviet Union. "I think it was a compliment," she said in an interview with Indian state television.

Thatcher on a five-day official visit to India, added: "They (the Soviet Union) realized I am strong and that I would stand in the way of their encroachment on other countries. And I am proud that they recognized that."

## Egypt protests Israeli move to build canal

UNITED NATIONS, April 17 (R) — Egypt protested Friday over Israeli plans to build a canal linking the Mediterranean with the Dead Sea, saying it underscored Israel's intention to "annex at least those portions of the Palestinian territories through which it would pass."

In a letter to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, Egyptian U.N. representative Ahmad Esmat Abdel Meguid, said the decision to construct the canal through the Gaza Strip was "bound to pre-determine unilaterally the canal states' of the Strip, denying the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and sovereignty over their natural resources.

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Planning minister explains strategy

# 3rd plan emphasizes production

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 17 — Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer said that the essence of the Third Five-Year Plan is to phase out all the non-essential infrastructure projects in the Kingdom and to concentrate on the productive sectors. These sectors include farming, mining and industry — including the world-scale petrochemical ventures of Jubail and Yanbu.

In an interview with *Saudi Business* magazine, the minister also said the plan,

based on strategies drawn up the year before, also acknowledges the relative difficulty of planning concretely in these areas and speaks of a new concept of roll-over planning. In particular it calls for a complete plan review at the end of the second year (mid 1982), when additional research will have produced more information on the population, industrial productivity and similar areas. Several committees are to be established, in particular on women working and labor, the magazine said in its report.

"There is no change in the thinking about

the strategy. What we are trying to do is simply make use of the experience we've had, during the implementation of the second plan," Nazer said. He added that five years is too long for the planning process: few facts emerge. "For example, you can begin to discover there are areas which you've neglected. New facts emerge with respect to manpower, inflation and international circumstances of one kind or another," he said.

According to Nazer, this is why the government will review the plan in the second year. Government planners did not delete during the preparation of the plan a great many projects that it thought would be necessary in the third plan, and the government felt it could look at them in the second year. "Take hospitals, we thought we would not be able to construct more than the number of beds we thought necessary at the beginning of the third plan. But we still left the door open because we know from experience certain areas need medical services and we should accommodate those areas. The same is true for housing," the magazine quoted Nazer as saying.

In regard to the third plan putting severe constraints on manpower ability, Nazer said the matter is difficult to judge unless the government has very accurate statistics. "All these are interconnected some way," the planning minister said. "It is the activity of the private sector in the second plan which we underestimated and probably was the cause of the great pressure felt at the end of the first year (1976)," he added.

Economic activity in Saudi Arabia is really controlled by the government, and if the government wants, it can increase the foreign labor force, Nazer told *Saudi Business*.

During the interview, Nazer said that regarding women working, the whole idea is not so much whether or not you permit women to work, because that is legal here. "The question is where?" Religious groups would like to see women work, but in separate areas. The committee must decide the type of work women can handle. A great deal of imported manpower, in the post offices for example, could be replaced by women," he added.



Sheikh Hisham Nazer

## Minister denies shelving Hejaz railroad project

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, April 17 — Communications Minister Hussein Mansouri denied reports that the proposed Hejaz railway will be scrapped. He said there are certain studies which must be completed before the project can be launched.

The project aims to rebuild on modern lines the old railroad that linked Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Syria across 1,300 kilometers of often desert terrain. The original line was built by the Ottomans of Turkey when they were in control of the region. It opened in 1908 and ran from Damascus, Syria, to Medina, Saudi Arabia. It has been unused since the first world war when it was repeatedly sabotaged.

A committee composed of the Saudi Arabian Jordanian and Syrian communications ministers has been meeting periodically to study the project. Last year Mansouri was quoted as saying that in the long term the project is an excellent proposition and would at a later stage be included in the development program of the three countries.

The committee has before it a feasibility study prepared by the German Dorsch Consult, assisted by the German State Railways, at a cost of \$4.5 million.

## Bookshop to open in Medina

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 17 — Tihama Advertising, Public Relations and Marketing Research Company will celebrate the opening of a bookshop in Medina Saturday. The bookshop is located at the Abu Zar Al-Gaffar Street and Airport Street intersection.

The opening of the Medina bookshop is part of Tihama's program to establish book-

shops and distribution centers in various parts of the Kingdom. The new office will be a unique one in Medina. The national company has sought the opinion of local scholars and men of letters so that the new office would comply with Medina's position as a center of spiritual and cultural values.

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# Refinery operations to begin by 1983

RIYADH, April 17 (SPA) — The five new oil refineries being built by Petromin in cooperation with international oil firms will start production by 1983 and will reach full capacity production in 1986.

A study prepared by Petromin said Friday that three export-oriented oil refineries are located in Jubail, Rabegh and Yanbu. The last two which are lubricant, are being built in Yanbu and Jubail.

The Jubail oil refinery is jointly owned by Petromin and Shell. It was the first project to be constructed by Petromin in Jubail's industrial complex. Feasibility studies for the project were completed in 1975, it was endorsed last year and construction will begin by the end of this year.

The refinery will be finished in early 1985 and production will begin in the middle of the same year. The refinery will be built in an area of two square kilometers and will be run and maintained by 645 people. It will produce 250,000 barrels of crude oil daily which will be exported.

The refinery will produce high octane benzene, chemical feedstock naphtha, high and low sulfur gasoil, kerosene, heavy fuel oil, diesel, fuel oil (long residue) LPG and sulfur.

The Rabegh refinery is a joint venture between Petromin and Petro. The refinery, located in the western part of Rabegh will have a refining capacity of 325,000 barrels of crude oil per day. The products will be kerosene, treated naphtha, fuel oil, gasoil and sulfur.

Feasibility studies for the project were completed last year and construction will begin this year. It is expected to be completed by the end of 1983. The refinery project includes a port, airport and housing complex.

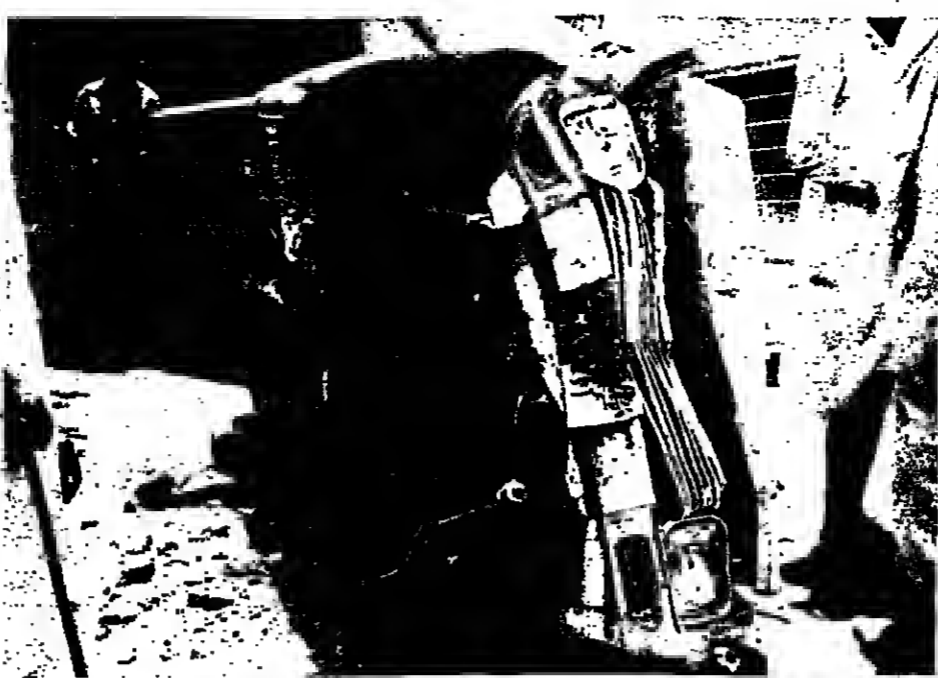
Meanwhile, Petromin and Mobile equally own the Yanbu refinery which will have a refining capacity of 250,000 barrels of crude daily. The refinery will have a storage capacity of 13.2 million barrels and it will be run and maintained by 706 people. It will occupy an area of 3.4 kilometers.

The refinery will produce propane, naphtha, benzene, kerosene, diesel, marine fuel oil and sulfur. Petromin's board of directors approved the project in 1975 and it was endorsed last year. The project is in the stage of detailed designing now. Construction is expected to start later this year and complete in mid-1984.

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Yanbu's lube plant is a joint venture between Petromin and Ashland and will refine about 23,900 barrels of Arabian light crude. It will produce 5,000 barrels of lubricants. Products for foreign markets will be basic lubricants 100 and 250N, and metallic oil. Construction will begin this year and completed in 1983.

The Petromin-Exxon-Chevron joint ventures Jubail lube plant will produce 12,000 barrels of high-quality lubricants per day. In addition to 10,000 barrels of asphalt. The refinery specializes in producing high quality variety of lubricants on a commercial scale. Construction will begin in 1983 and will be completed three years later.



(Arab News photo)  
**MOMENT OF TRUTH:** This comes a little too late as this picture of a horrible accident in Jeddah shows. The traffic department is putting up a few gruesomely smashed-up cars at strategic locations in the major cities of the country on the occasion of the current traffic safety week.

## Police to check drivers National traffic week opens

RIYADH, April 17 — A week-long traffic campaign to reinforce better driving and safety through knowledge of the rules will be launched Saturday throughout the Kingdom, and steps will be taken to check that drivers have their papers intact.

The campaign, an annual event and sometimes carried out more than once a year, will be launched by Director of Public Security Gen. Abdullah Al Sheikh when he opens an exhibition of traffic organized by the traffic department here on this occasion.

Traffic police in the major cities will stop cars to check that drivers carry the proper papers, driving licenses and registration cards and that the papers are valid. Underage drivers will be stopped and penalized and wayward drivers also will be more severely dealt with by fines and detention. The traffic department has the right to detain offenders at the traffic offices themselves for up to a month.

Badly smashed-up cars have been put up

for show at intersections to draw the attention of drivers to what may happen to them if they are not careful. Some of the worst specimens are usually saved by the department for such annual events. Most of the others are disposed of.

In addition to the traffic department, other departments are taking part to boost the campaign and increase public consciousness of safe driving. The Information Ministry will broadcast radio and television programs aimed at better and safe driving and so will the Presidency of Youth Welfare, Education Ministry, and the National Guard.

In an appeal to the public, Director of Traffic Col. Muhammad Raja Al Harbi called on the drivers to cooperate with the police to make the week a great success. He said that all traffic departments will work throughout the week from morning until evening to enable the public to complete their papers with ease. Leaflets and instructions on safe driving also will be made available to the public and the schools, he said.

### New ID cards ready

RIYADH April 17 — Interior Minister Prince Naif said new identification cards will be issued to Saudi Arabian nationals to be carried on their persons. The cards will replace the birth certificates required at present, Okaz reported.

Prince Naif said the ministry received complaints that birth certificates often were lost and not easily replaced.

### BRIEFS

#### Vaccination campaign underway

JEDDAH, April 17 — The Environmental Health Department of Jeddah Municipality began a campaign to vaccinate people who deal with the public like sales clerks and restaurant workers. The campaign also includes municipality workers. The department's doctors have vaccinated 600 people to date. The environment health campaign in Jeddah, which covered 5,000 stores and restaurants, discovered 1,200 places that do not fulfill health measures and closed-down 60 places, according to Okaz Friday.

**Bangladesh official to visit**  
JEDDAH, April 17 — Makkah Governor Prince Majed will give a dinner reception in

honor of Bangladesh Interior Minister Mustapha Azizul Rahman here Tuesday. Guests include senior military officials and diplomats. The Bangladesh minister will arrive in the Kingdom Saturday on a four-day visit. He will perform umra and will hold talks with Interior Minister Prince Naif.

**Canadian agricultural tour**  
JEDDAH, April 17 — Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim said that the Canadian external trade minister's visit to Qasim was by his request to inspect the agricultural methods and meet businessmen in the region, according to local press reports. Edward Lamly left the Kingdom Wednesday after a week-long visit during which he held talks with Dr. Solaim.

### Prayer Times

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12.20	12.21	11.52	11.39	12.03	12.33
Asr (Evening)	3.44	3.50	3.21	3.10	3.34	4.07
Maghreb (Sunset)	6.42	6.46	6.17	6.06	6.30	7.02
Isha (Night)	8.12	8.16	7.47	7.36	8.00	8.32

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Shahi meets Haig Monday

'Pakistan won't join U.S. defense system'

By Shahid Orakzai Arab News Correspondent

ISLAMABAD, April 17 — Foreign Minister Agha Shahi Friday said Pakistan was seeking a "military procurement relationship" with United States but would not like to be part of any grand defense arrangement for the region.

Shahi who is flying Saturday to Washington for talks Monday with Secretary of State Alexander Haig told a press conference here that his government had not been sounded about any such defense arrangement which he believed was much "press speculation." He said that Pakistan would prefer a "new and durable" relationship with the U.S. but the proposed equation must take into account "our orientation as an Islamic and nonaligned country." Shahi said that during consultations with U.S. Ambassador Arthur Hummel, grounds had been prepared for his talks with Haig but was not certain if the two-day talks would be conclusive or an opening of a series of negotiations between the two sides.

The foreign minister described as baseless a reported remark of a State Department

official that Pakistan had asked for deployment of three marine division in the Indian Ocean in the event of an Indo-Pakistan war. He denied that his country was seeking a friendship treaty with Washington on the model of the Indo-Soviet treaty.

Asked about Pakistan's participation in any defense arrangement for the Gulf, he said, his government was signatory to the Makkah declaration which had clearly spelled out the doctrine that the security of the Gulf was a responsibility of the Gulf states. Pakistan, however, he added, would support any measures that these countries would undertake to ensure their safety.

In a prepared statement, the foreign minister strongly deplored the furor in Indian official circles over possible small arms purchased by Pakistan to replace some of its obsolete equipment and reminded the neighboring country of her vast military purchases which he estimated around \$10 billion, taking into account the concessional terms offered by the Soviet Union. Shahi hoped that the coming visit of Indian Foreign Minister Narasimha Rao to Islamabad next month would offer an opportunity to remove such misunderstanding in bilateral relations.

Firms dealing with Israel blacklisted

DAMASCUS, April 17 (AP) — The liaison officers of the Arab Boycott of Israel have blacklisted a number of companies dealing with Israel and took decisions "aimed at foiling the normalization process between Israel and the Egyptian regime."

Commissioner general of the boycott headoffice, Dr. Nurallah Urallah, said Thursday the 45th conference, which started in Damascus last Saturday, took a number of decisions "aiming at strengthening the boycott to achieve its aims in besieging the Israeli economy, and countering Israeli attempts to open breaches in the boycott through granting foreign companies extra privileges."

Nurallah said a number of other companies which abided with the boycott rules have been cleared from the blacklist. The conference of the Arab Boycott of Israel is held every two years. In this year's conference, Egypt was excluded, because of its bilateral peace treaty with Israel.

Nurallah said the names of these companies lifted from the blacklist will be disclosed this weekend.

Cyprus elections slated May 24

NICOSIA, April 17 (R) — The house of representatives voted early Friday to dissolve itself and hold general elections May 24. The elections which will solve the search for a settlement to the intercommunal problem in Cyprus, will be the first since the death of Archbishop Makarios and the first under a proportional representation system.

The last elections in 1976 returned the Democratic Party of President Spyros Kyprianou with 21 of the 35 seats but defections reduced it to eight.

BRIEFS

ALGIERS, (AFP) — Polisario Front fighters overran a Moroccan garrison, killing 15 soldiers and capturing 10 the front reported here Friday. The attack also destroyed 21 vehicles, several artillery pieces and 40 tons of ammunition.

DACCA, (R) — Bangladesh is eager to strengthen friendship and cooperation with Syria. President Ziaur Rahman said in a message to the Syrian head of state Hafez Assad to mark Syrian national day Friday.

TOKYO, (AFP) — Japan decided Friday to appoint Shotoro Takahashi, consul-general in New York, as ambassador to Iran, succeeding Tsutomu Wada, the foreign ministry announced.

Anti-Semitic cry raised in U.S. Zionists' bid to bar official's posting

WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP) — The Reagan administration has promised to decide within one week whether to formally nominate a man accused of being anti-Semitic to be an assistant secretary in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Representative Sam Gejdenson, Democrat-Connecticut, who joined several Jewish groups in leveling the accusations against Warren Richardson, quoted Health and Human Services Secretary Richard Schweiker as promising to review the nomination and make a decision within a week.

Gejdenson spoke with Schweiker about the nomination Thursday, an aide to the congressman said. Richardson is serving as a special assistant to Schweiker pending his formal nomination as assistant secretary for legislation. Gejdenson, the anti-defamation league

Israel complains to U.N. about attacks by PLO

UNITED NATIONS, April 17 (AP) — Israeli Ambassador Yehuda Z. Blum, in a letter issued here Thursday, said the Palestine Liberation Organization had claimed responsibility for five attacks on Israel in the last two weeks. He argued that demonstrated "the need and duty of the government of Israel to take all necessary measures to protect the lives and safety of its citizens."

Blum listed the five acts as a grenade throwing that mortally wounded a waiter at a Jerusalem wedding party April 8, a bomb explosion that wounded four persons on a Netanya-to-Jerusalem bus March 29, the throwing of a molotov cocktail at a Nazareth-to-Tiberias bus without casualty on the same day and the planting the next day of explosives that were discovered and harmlessly dismantled in Dimona and on a railroad between Kiryat Gat and Beer Sheva.

of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Committee base their accusations largely on Richardson's association with a conservative organization called Liberty Lobby.

They contend that while he served as its general counsel and chief lobbyist from 1969 to 1973, he wrote anti-Semitic literature. And, they maintain that the organization itself promoted racist as well as anti-Semitic views.

Richardson denied through a spokesman that he is anti-Semitic. "I am not now nor have I ever been anti-Semitic," departmental

spokesman Laura Ggenero quoted him as saying. "I am deeply concerned and upset about these allegations and will do everything I can to prove they are untrue."

"The organizations attacking Richardson also objected to a portion of an article written by him in 1971. Appearing in *The New York Times* May 18, 1971, the article said the United States should remain neutral in the Middle East.

Richardson denied writing that portion of the article and said it was inserted after it left his hands.

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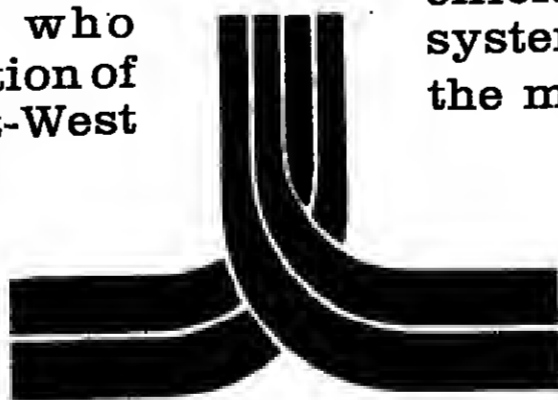
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## Ceausescu under fire over nepotism

By Lajos Lederer

LONDON — Criticism is growing inside the Romanian Communist Party and among intellectuals over the web of nepotism created by President Nicolae Ceausescu. Ceausescu himself holds all the most important appointments. He heads the country's ruling body, the Permanent Bureau of the Romanian Communist Party's Political Executive Committee.

He is secretary-general of the party, president of the republic, president of the state council and supreme commander of the armed forces. His wife Elena has been a member of the party's executive committee since 1977 and a first deputy prime minister since March 1980.

Prime Minister Ilie Verdet is married to Ceausescu's sister, and his predecessor, Manea Moneescu, is married to Ceausescu's eldest sister. Many other Ceausescus hold high office. His son Nicu is secretary of the Union of Communist Youth and a secretary of the Grand National Assembly.

His brother Ilie is a general and deputy defense minister. Another brother, Ion, is a deputy prime minister of agriculture.

A third brother, Marin, directs the Romanian economic agency in Vienna, and a fourth Florea is a spokesman for the regime in the controlled press. Yet another Ceausescu brother is Romanian consul-general in Kiev. One of the president's nephews, Cornel Burlica, is minister of foreign trade. Another nephew, Gen. Ion Lonita is a deputy prime minister.

All this has been tolerated by the Romanian Communist Party in the past because of President Ceausescu's ability to keep Moscow at bay. However some leading Romanian Communists are now beginning openly to attack Ceausescu's nepotism.

Stefan Vojtes, vice-president of the council, indicated recently that the "father creator," the "most beloved son of Romania," as official Romanian information media describe Ceausescu, cannot much longer rely on the Romanian people's nationalist feelings to sustain his "family regime."

## N-brain drain worries Egypt

By Shyam Bhatia

CAIRO — Egyptian nuclear scientists working overseas have been asked to return home to help run eight nuclear power plants planned to be operating by the end of the century. The Minister of Electricity, Maher Abaza, said recently: "The country is in need of their special expertise."

About 150 Egyptian nuclear engineers, physicists and chemists are employed abroad. Some work in the nuclear centers of the West, in France, Britain, West Germany and the United States. Some teach at universities in Arab countries.

"We will need a hard core of at least 1,000 experienced nuclear engineers in a very short time," says Professor Mounir Hilal, who has been asked to set up a training institute for nuclear engineers in Cairo. Hilal, chairman of the Mechanical Engineering Department at Cairo University, says that without a crash training program in nuclear management, Egypt will be dependent forever on the supplier companies for the smallest maintenance jobs.

One obstacle to attracting home the scientists is the low salaries they can expect to earn in Egypt. An Egyptian nuclear engineer with a Ph.D. from a Western university and five years' working experience earns less than \$2,500 a year here.

In the Gulf or the United States he can expect a salary 20 times greater. In his appeal, Abaza said the government was trying to work out a scheme of financial compensation for returning scientists.

Nuclear scientists are only one of several Egyptian professional groups who have to choose between a lucrative job abroad or working at home for the good of their country. A recent survey estimates that 120,000 skilled people left Egypt last year, including more than 5,000 engineers and doctors.

## Food crisis hits Southern Africa

By Carl James

MAPUTO — Drought has brought a major food crisis to Southern Africa. Most of the members of the Southern Africa Development Coordinating Conference (SADCC) have been hit — the members being Angola, Zambia, Tanzania, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Mozambique, Lesotho and Swaziland. Other countries affected are Madagascar and Kenya. There have also been reports of famine from the Bantustans of South Africa.

In spite of importing 1.5 million tons of grain, the SADCC countries are still 10 per cent short of their needs, and are seeking an extra six million tons.

In Madagascar, about a third of the rice crop in the important Lake Alaotra area has been lost. Four provinces of Angola have been badly affected. Benguela, Cuanene, Mocimedes and Huila. In this latter province there has been almost no rain for a year.

Tanzania, Angola and Mozambique have appealed for food aid. This has reached Mozambique, which has the main trans-African transport lines, from several countries, including India.

Zimbabwe, which has a more equable climate, has produced a bumper maize crop, but does not have the capacity to make up the deficit in all its neighbors. Mozambique has introduced rationing of prime staple foods for the 800,000 residents of the capital, Maputo. There are bread queues, but all indications are that an adequate distribution is being achieved.

The Mozambican harvest next year promises to be better but there will still be a serious shortfall in production. Like most of the other countries involved, Mozambique suffers from a lack of skilled labor and foreign exchange. This has led to many breakdowns in transport and agricultural machinery. Spare parts and fuel are difficult to obtain, and there are frequently no mechanics to do repairs.

The largest state farm in Gaza province has about half its 200 tractors out of commission. Many cooperative farms have missed much of the planting season because of the late arrival of rented machinery and the fuel shortage.

In the fertile but remote Niassa province, where the major development effort is being made, one of the largest state farms has been able to sow only 60 per cent of its maize crop, and is a month late with its sowing of beans. These are the two main foods for 80 per cent of Mozambicans.

## HARDENING POSITION

### U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger was supposed to have agreed with his NATO counterparts, when he met them last week, that European arms limitation talks could resume once the tensions over Poland ease. But the defense secretary said something quite different when he returned to Washington. The talks will not be feasible unless the Soviet Union withdraws all additional forces from within and around Poland.

The hardening position did not merely contradict the first stand, but also went against the understanding reached last week with Secretary of State Haig as he talked to America's NATO partners, that talks with the Soviet Union were possible at the moment. The Europeans were especially irked by the contradictory signs Washington is giving, since they place a great deal on the talks. They would dearly love, given the economic circumstances of the West in general, to be spared the vast increases in their defense spending that would result from the abandonment of the talks.

The disagreement tells a great deal on how different the American and European perceptions are on dealing with the situation in Poland. The Europeans believe the crisis can only be phased gradually, and that America's reactions are unhelpful in their provocativeness. The Soviet Union, the Europeans say, is hardly eager for a confrontation in Poland, and would be more than pleased to be let off the hook. Weinberger, according to the European view, has yet to learn that a great deal can be gained from restraint.

## Saudi Arabian press review

Friday's two newspapers *Okaz* and *Al-Jazira* highlighted on their front pages the annual camel race sponsored by King Khaled and Iran's withdrawal of its accusations against OIC Secretary General Habib Chatti.

The two papers editorially commented on the proposed sale of sophisticated American weapons to the Kingdom in the context of the Euro-American stand toward the Arab-Israeli conflict by calling on the U.S. administration to review its policy free from the Zionist lobby's influence in Washington.

Commenting on the U.S. weapons sale to Saudi Arabia, *Al-Jazira* said any future decision on the sale would be a pointer as to how far the U.S. administration had freed itself from the influence of Zionist lobby. "It was a pity that the authorities in Washington cared more for Israel than the American national interests inside or outside the U.S.," the paper said.

*Al-Jazira* warned against any hasty decision on the part of the U.S. administration and cautioned the U.S. authorities to estimate accurately the effects of rejecting the weapons deal to Saudi Arabia.

The paper also urged the U.S. administration in the context of Arab and world expectations to take into account the strong position of Arab countries and Saudi Arabia in political economic and financial fields for devising a positive policy toward the Middle East. It added that the doors of the world are wide open for the Kingdom in case of the U.S. rejecting the weapons deal.

*Okaz* hailed the role played by Saudi Arabia in convincing visiting world leaders to Riyadh, such as U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, of the need to find a fair and peaceful settlement of the Palestinian problem by ensuring their legitimate rights as the only way for preventing Communist penetration and safeguarding the peace and stability of the Middle East region.

Commenting on the setting up of the six-state Gulf Cooperation Council, *Okaz* said it was aimed for the benefit and welfare of the people of the region without any pacts or pressures. "Its only other aim was to safeguard the region from the Zionist enemy's threat to the Arab and Palestinian territories," the paper added.



## Reagan shooting gives Hollywood the jitters

By William Scobie

LOS ANGELES — "I'm scared," said Miss Jodie Foster, sometime Hollywood wanderer, on learning that the man who pursued her for six months with letters and love notes pushed under her university dorm door was the man accused of shooting Ronald Reagan. The 18-year old actress isn't alone. Hollywood has a bad case of the jitters. The John Lennon murder inspired scores of copycat death threats and crank calls that sent chills down many celebrated spines. Now the attack on President Reagan that filmland claims as one of its own is sending stars scurrying for cover.

It has also brought boom times for the private security industry in this city that last year suffered a record 1,038 murders — a 30 per cent increase over 1979. Handguns are selling like hot dogs and security guards (at \$30 an hour and up) are at a premium. Everyone who's anyone has one. David Bowie has six, round the dock, at \$18,000 a week.

"Macé" parties are the "in" thing among the mansions of Bel-Air and Beverly Hills. You rent a cop, for a small donation, to lecture guests on how to disable an assailant, or handle an attack dog.

At the Oscar presentations recently, police security was doubled, with plainclothes men everywhere. It's one of the few remaining celebrity functions where stars still arrive in full panoply by limousine at the front entrance. After the slayings last year of actress Barbara Colby and a Hearst newspaper writer outside popular restaurants, the rear door became the preferred mode of access to the top spots.

Safety does not come cheap. Numerous enter-

tainers and studio executives are abandoning houses for high-security towers, such as the \$150 million Wilshire House, billed as "America's safest building." In this 21-story fortress, the humblest apartment sells outright for \$1.5 million, the grandest penthouse for a mind-boggling \$11 million. Although the building won't be ready for occupation for another year, developer Jody Sherman says only 14 of the 67 units remain unsold.

"People are paying for peace of mind," says Sherman. Wilshire House apparently provides it with 24-hour armed guards, lifts keyed to stop only at one floor. "panic buttons" that close security doors shutting off apartment areas where an intruder is suspected, and "the most elaborate TV closed circuit watchdog system outside the Pentagon." Stories of mugging and mayhem abound. Rock singer Linda Ronstadt, Governor Jerry Brown's friend, returned to her Malibu Beach home late one night to find the house wrecked, her bed shredded with a razor, and pinned to the pillow, a note: "You next time."

A well-known British screen-writer ("Don't use my name — it might cause a recurrence") was beaten, bound and gagged by daylight in his L.A. home. The two burglars took money and jewellery. More than 70 threatening calls and letters drove Bo Derek and husband from their L.A. seaside home on an extended holiday abroad. "The messages were full of sex mutilation talk, and violence," said actor-producer John Derek. "It's terrifying when you know some wacko has your address and may be watching."

Priscilla Presley scared off raiders at the bathroom window of her Beverly Hills mansion by blowing a whistle which brought guards.

## Eastern Europe ponders small business

By Mark Frankland

LONDON — Eastern Europe may have a new hero — the small businessman. He has already made a modest appearance in Yugoslavia. The Poles are talking about him. And in Hungary they are working out legal measures that may give him his first big legitimate role in the history of the Soviet bloc.

The reason is that the East Europeans have discovered that in economics big is not always best. Over the last 20 years, state industries in Hungary have grown steadily larger. The 1,400 state enterprises of 1960 had shrunk in number, but grown in size, to 700 last year.

The Poles, shaking off the unhappy experience of recent years, have realized that only a fraction of their factories employ less than 100 workers while in West Germany four out of five people work for small businesses.

The absence of small enterprises has begun to hurt. A Hungarian economist recently pointed out that without them there was often no one to produce the spare parts and semi-finished products that giant enterprises need if they are to work efficiently. They are also necessary, he argued, to produce consumer goods, because these are often most economically produced on a small scale. Small also makes for greater agility when it comes to exporting.

The problem is this: How does a socialist economy create a lot of small businesses — the Hungarians say they need "several tens of thousands of them" — from scratch? Liberal Polish economists say the state can't do it and shouldn't try. A leading economic journalist in Warsaw said flatly the other day that "it does not pay to run a state business on a small scale."

The Hungarians agree. Small business fans in Budapest are saying that "every citizen should have the right to establish an enterprise" and that "money belonging to people who are not actually taking part in these enterprises should also be used

as capital." This point is important because throughout Eastern Europe there is an excess of money, kept in savings banks or elsewhere, that could be put to productive use.

But doesn't this mean (and the question was asked last month on Hungarian radio) that the economic reformers are "about to reinvent capitalism under the slogan of 'socialist enterprise'?" In what way would people investing money in a small business differ from the capitalist, "the fat man with a cigar in his mouth, collecting his dividends, receiving his share of profits from other people's work?"

The reformers answer that a man who has made savings from honest work deserves to be rewarded for the risk of investing them in a small enterprise. The undertaking, they argue, should be seen as cooperative, and not capitalist in the least.

This won't convince everyone. Even Yugoslavia, unrestricted by membership of the Soviet bloc, has failed to develop small-scale private enterprise as fast as government economists would like. The Yugoslavs have concocted an ingenious form of private enterprise that allows a Yugoslav returning with savings after working in West Europe to invest them in a factory employing as many as 100 workers. After a time he is repaid his capital plus profits and the plant becomes the property of the workers.

This and other schemes have been slow to develop because they offend the socialist beliefs of many officials. In Hungary there has already been criticism of a scheme that began this year under which individuals can bid for the lease of state shops and restaurants. The idea is to take a burden from the state sector and provide a better public service, but it has provoked muttering about "surrendering the positions of socialism." There would certainly be similar muttering in Poland, not to mention Czechoslovakia, where the official view is that it is immoral to want to work for oneself.

Some Poles believe that after 35 years of socialism it is too late to expect the reappearance of the businessman-hero. "Had we left a part of small industry in private hands in 1948 (when the Stalinist

system was introduced to Poland) it would have been very good," a well-known Polish economist said recently, "but it is not this way any more. I do not think we can now expect real small entrepreneurs to both up."

Hungarian experts don't agree. They talk of giving "full rein to the great sense of initiative and creative force which is present in the Hungarian population but which is restrained by our bureaucratic regulations and by our economic mechanism with its many shortcomings." If this new hero is successful in Hungary, other East European governments may eventually be tempted to write a part for him, too. (ONS)

## Letter to the editor

Sir,  
We read with interest Jihad Khazren's column *Good Morning* in your esteemed daily. In his column of April 7, Khazren recalled memories of his visit to Karachi where, according to him, he saw a "butcher holding a carcass down with one foot, while cutting meat from it with a knife held in the other between his toes." That is not all. He further writes "but then I saw, and had my view confirmed later by those in the know, that this is how all the butchers in Karachi conduct their business."

The observation is interesting as well as misleading. He could have made it more interesting by saying that the people of Karachi are eating with their noses instead of their mouths. We are sorry that while in Karachi he had to eat fish for nothing. As everybody can imagine, nobody on earth will use his feet for cutting meat when he is gifted with two healthy hands.

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# Women's bank a great success

By Kathy Lund

JEDDAH — When special banks for women came into being in the Kingdom early last year they were a novelty — but a welcome one. Today, they are an accepted part of the banking scene, and steadily growing in strength and custom.

"We are certainly encouraged by the progress made in the past 12 months," said Lena Cobb, manageress of the Saudi British Bank's women's branch in Jeddah. Speaking on the first anniversary of the branch's opening, she said she and her mostly Saudi Arabian staff has developed "a very positive feeling" about women's banking. "Apart from receiving such an encouraging response from members of the female public I find that the female staff are enjoying the valuable service they are providing and are keen to make the women's branch a continuing success."

The branch celebrated its "first birthday" last Sunday night at a special all-women's tea party at Hyatt Regency Hotel. Over 400 invitations were dispatched to customers of the branch and to leading women members of Jeddah.

Mrs. Cobb said the women's branch offered a full spectrum of banking services from current accounts through fixed term deposits, currency transfers and the issuing of travellers' cheques. More emphasis was now being placed on attracting women to open savings accounts, she said.

"We want to stress how convenient savings accounts are for women," she explained. "For example, a savings account is a very safe place to keep money — better than having cash lying about the house. Also, it's easy to deposit money and easy to withdraw. Furthermore, no amount is too small to open an account, even SR1."

To explain such services as widely as possible, Mrs. Cobb has been speaking to women at a number of areas including King Abdul Aziz University, hospitals and in women boutiques. University students, she said were a good example of a group who would find savings accounts convenient. Students were not a group renowned for having large sums of money, but the allowances they received were precious and needed safeguarding.

The first women's bank, Al Rajhi in Riyadh, opened its doors on Jan. 26 last year. Since then the concept of special branches for women has blossomed, and now there are at least 8,000 in the Kingdom.

# How U.S. high technology finds its way to Russia

By Thomas O'Toole

WASHINGTON, (WP) — When the Spawr Optical Research Co. of Corona, Calif., applied for a license to export 10 laser mirrors to the Soviet Union four years ago, the application was turned down by the U.S. government because the lasers and copper mirrors could be used as anti-satellite weapons in space.

Rejection of his application didn't stop Walter Spawr, president of Spawr Optical, from shipping about 50 laser mirrors to a laser research laboratory in Moscow. Testimony in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles last year showed that Spawr deliberately understated the value of his high-energy laser mirrors to the customs service, and then shipped the mirrors to firms in Switzerland and West Germany, which he said was their final destination.

In Switzerland and Germany, a West German named Wolfgang Weber, who was a business associate of Spawr, reconsigned the mirrors to Moscow. Intelligence sources told the court that the mirrors already may have been used in tests of Soviet anti-satellite weapons, where lasers were used to burn holes in aircraft to blow them up.

Spawr was convicted of violating the Export Administration Act and given a 10-year suspended sentence on condition he serve six months in jail. His company was fined \$100,000. The Spawr case spotlights a steadily rising effort by the Soviet Union to pry away the secrets of American high technology by means they rarely used in the cold war years of the '50s and '60s.

The Soviets, offering huge sums of money for lasers, fiber optics and computers, bribing company officials and using European Middlemen and dummy Polish, Hungarian and Romanian corporations, are conducting an unprecedented assault on the industries of America.

"The Russian targets are no longer weapons and strategy," FBI Director William H. Webster told the *Washington Post*. "The emphasis is now on technology, and they will go to any lengths to get it." Lasers have military uses in space, fiber optics can be used to make small, secret communications devices. Computers have thousands of military and intelligence applications.

The FBI says at least 1,000 of the 2,800 Soviet and East European diplomats in the United States are "known or suspected" intelligence officers whose assignment is at least in part the acquisition of high technology. Also, 2,500 Soviet engineers and scientists visit this country every year on trade missions, which may be another way of saying

that at least some of them are here to steal industrial secrets.

At no time in its history was the FBI had a larger, more active counterintelligence operation. Of the 7,800 agents in its 59 field offices, as many as 2,000 are engaged full-time in counterintelligence. Their task isn't easy, mostly because it's corporate and not Pentagon secrets the Soviets are after. In California's high-technology Silicon Valley, more than 500 companies have access to classified information. Nationwide, 11,000 companies have the same access.

At least five times, the Soviets have been able to bribe American company officials to assist them in buying instruments on the export control list. Swiss and German middlemen also have been bribed by the Soviets to buy controlled American devices. Usually, sheer greed is involved. Says a federal official: "We haven't come across a case yet that involved ideological espionage. The sales to the Russians have always been for money." The top Soviet targets are microelectronics and computers. Last year, a Belgian, Marc Andre Degeyter, offered a \$500,000 bribe to an official of Software A.G. in Reston, Va., to steal a coded computer program for the Soviets. The program would allow the Russians instant inventory control at any military base, no matter how large or complex. Degeyter got a four-month jail sentence.

Degeyter's case was unusual because he was caught before anything found its way into Soviet hands. Two years ago, two top officials of I.I. industries in San Jose, Calif., were found guilty of violating the same law after federal agents discovered they had shipped more than \$1 million in computer machinery to the Soviet Union without a license by selling it to a West Germany businessman, who forwarded it to Moscow.

The first shipment was through a Phantom company in Montreal, which sent it to Zurich and then Moscow. The next three shipments went to a fictitious company in Kansas city, where the computer machinery was crated with air conditioners and washing machines and sent through Germany and the Netherlands to Moscow.

Almost as high as computers on the Soviet want list are lasers and fiber optics. Laser and fiber optics parts have been carried out of the United States in East European diplomatic pouches. The FBI has investigated at least 30 cases in which the Soviets offered bribes to buy lasers and fiber optics that were on the export control list.

Federal agents often learn of illegal technology exports while they are in progress. A favorite federal tactic is to intercept an illegal shipment and substitute something meaningless. At least twice, federal agents packed computer machinery boxes with sand that was then transhipped to Europe on its way to

## Officials bribed

Moscow.

So heavy is the traffic between the United States and the Soviet Union that the commerce department, which administers the export control law, is now in the counterintelligence business. Not only does staid old commerce have its own agents, but it also has

a stable of informers whom it sometimes pays out of its own informer fund.

Who are its informers? People in the export business, people working at air freight companies, people working on the docks in New York and San Francisco. "It's hard to say these cases are on the increase, but in 1980

we closed twice as many cases as we closed the previous year," said Sharon Connolly, director of the enforcement division of the commerce department's office of export administration. "If these cases are not on the increase, we're certainly bearing more about them."

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# FBI angers Atlanta

ATLANTA, Georgia, April 17 (Agencies) — The mother of one of 23 young blacks slain here in the past 21 months has condemned an FBI agent's charge that parents killed some of the children saying the parents now are being looked at "like they did something wrong."

Willie Mae Mathis, mother of slain Jeffery Mathis and a member of the committee to stop children's murders, joined a chorus of denunciations of statements made Tuesday night by Mike Twibell, special agent in charge in the Macon FBI office.

Twibell, who has been among 30 FBI agents working on the missing and murdered children cases, told reporters after a speech to a Macon civic club that "some of those kids were killed by their parents." None of the 23 slayings and two disappearances of young blacks since July 1979 has been solved, officials say, despite an around-the-clock investigation by a special task force.

Public safety commissioner Lee Brown called Twibell's statements "unprofessional" and "uncalled for" and said, "we have no information at all to verify what he said, if he said that." "When I know who committed the murders, I will have ample evidence to put that person in jail... At this point, we do not have sufficient evidence to arrest anyone or indict anyone in any of these cases," Brown said.

## Restraint order sought on Attenborough movie

BOMBAY, April 17 (AP) — Former Indian Prime Minister Morarji Desai and other members of a publishing trust have petitioned the Bombay high court to restrain British filmmaker Richard Attenborough from quoting from Mahatma Gandhi's literary works in his controversial movie on the late independence leader.

The petitioners said their Naujivan (new age) Trust holds the copyright of all the published works of Gandhi, known as the father of the Indian nation. The film by Attenborough is titled *Gandhi* and is scheduled to debut later this year.

The British producer-director's attorney told the court Thursday that historical records could not possibly be copyrighted.

After the revelation Thursday that Twibell was never involved in investigation of the mystery several relatives of the dead children, at a news conference, challenged the FBI to furnish proof or withdraw the charges. They demanded that the agent apologize publicly within 24 hours.

Few people in this city, whose population is 66 per cent black, believe the allegations, and some—as evidenced by numerous telephone calls from the public to radio stations—even see them as a racist attack. "It's a conspiracy against blacks," one woman caller told a station. "It's brainwashing."

Said another: "The FBI is looking for scapegoats. I wouldn't be surprised to hear soon that those children killed themselves." She added: "The FBI should go back to Washington. Our police force is good enough." Some Atlantans see the FBI statements as an attempt to discredit the oldest black city administration in the United States. Mayor Maynard Jackson became in 1973 the first black to be elected to such an office in the country.



ANOTHER VICTIM: Larry Rogers, described by Atlanta police as mildly retarded and resembling a 14-15-year-old youth, has been added to the list of mysterious deaths in the predominantly black city.

## Columbia may go up by November

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, April 17 (R) — The U.S. space shuttle *Columbia* will make its second flight early in November or sooner if round-the-clock work on the spacecraft and its launching pad is approved, a senior NASA official said Thursday. The *Columbia*, the world's first reusable spacecraft which ended its two-day maiden voyage Tuesday with a perfect landing in a California desert, is to return to its launching pad here atop a specially-converted Boeing 747 jet next week.

Don Phillips, shuttle test chief, said in an interview Thursday that the spaceship would be launched on its next mission by the first week of November. He said the launch could be sooner if some minor modifications to the spacecraft are deferred or if the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) approves a seven-day, 24-hour work week.

For its next mission, *Columbia* is due to move to the launchpad in late September—only about six weeks before lift-off. By contrast, the ship had waited four months on the pad before Sunday's launch.

Because the first flight was considered to have been so successful, the full rehearsal of the launch countdown and the static firing of the shuttle's engines will not be staged, Phillips said. Damage caused to the Cape Canaveral launch pad by Sunday's blastoff was only superficial and he estimated it could be repaired within one month.

This week's space flight ended at a long desert landing strip at Edwards Air Force base, California. Because it was discovered that the space shuttle underwent less stress from friction-caused heat and other factors than anticipated, the spaceship may easily be accommodated by the shorter runway at Cape Canaveral, Phillips said.

## U.S. assures New Delhi of close ties

WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP) — The Reagan administration sees no reason why its relations with India should worsen just because the United States is pursuing a closer military relationship with Pakistan, a senior State Department official has said. The comment came in the midst of top-level talks here between Indian and American officials on a relationship that Indian officials have described as unsatisfactory.

"We want a security relationship with Pakistan, there's no secret about that," said the U.S. official who spoke Thursday with a group of reporters on the condition that he should not be identified by name. "We are very optimistic that a more credible, reliable policy on the part of the administration will produce the opportunity to foster the closer relationship with the Pakistanis," the official said.

At the same time he said he cannot see any reason "why our relationship with India must get worse." The official said that "a new strategic reality" has been created in the region because of the fall of a pro-American regime in Iran and Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

He said this should not make the United States "insensitive to regional differences," especially the long-standing differences between Pakistan and India. "But the policy must also surmount those regional differences to recognize the broader situation..." the U.S. official said. "We can have a good, solid relationship with India based on the recognition that we have a lot of things in common."

Indian Foreign Secretary Eric Gonsalves Thursday met with Walter Stoessel, the assistant secretary of state-designate for near eastern and south Asian affairs, and other department officials.

## Tennessee study Vitamin B-1 may help kids suffering from lead poisoning

ATLANTA, Georgia, April 17 (AP) — Vitamin B-1 prevents lead poisoning in cattle and should be tested to see whether it would help lead-poisoned children, University of Tennessee scientists say. The scientists, from the college of veterinary medicine, cautioned that their success in treating calves, sheep and goats does not assure the vitamin would be of any use in humans. The vitamin offers no protection to rats, for example, and is ineffective when taken orally, they said.

But Dr. Gerald R. Bratton said in an interview Thursday that a test in monkeys or apes — which are metabolically similar to humans — should indicate whether a large-scale human trial is worthwhile. Lead poisoning remains a major health problem in cities where infants in older buildings may eat peeling lead-based paint.

A January survey by the federal centers for

disease control here found 22,681 children in 65 U.S. cities under treatment for lead poisoning in 1980. In humans and animals lead is usually treated with "chelating agents" which bind to the metal and allow it to be excreted.

But most chelating agents are themselves toxic, Bratton said. "We're looking for something safer, and thiamine (vitamin B-1) is a natural vitamin. Studies have shown you can give up to several thousand times the recommended dose to cattle without any effects."

Bratton and a colleague visiting scientist Jan Zmudzki of Poland's Veterinary Research Institute, presented their research Thursday to the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology. They said daily injections of 100 milligrams of B-1 protected calves from what would otherwise be an often-fatal lead dose.

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# S. Africa seizes Tutu's passport



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Rep Howard Wolpe, the Michigan Democrat who chairs the subcommittee, complained that it had received no answer from Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. to a letter on the subject. He said the letter was written over two weeks ago, warning that the South African government was thinking of withdrawing the passport.

"The letter," Wolpe said in a statement, "outlined the importance of demonstrating as clearly as possible the United States' unqualified opposition to such repressive measures." State Department spokesman said they had no official guidance on the question. One official, who asked not to be quoted, pointed out that the policy of the Reagan administration in such cases has been to make unpublicized contacts — if any — with the government concerned.

The subcommittee called the withdrawal of his passport "yet another blatant attempt by the South African government to squelch all criticism of the South African system of apartheid."

# Blast victim at Corsica airport dies

AJACCIO, Corsica, April 17 (AP) — One of eight persons injured in an explosion at Ajaccio Airport minutes before the arrival of President Valery Giscard d'Estaing's plane died Friday in a Marseille hospital as government officials and politicians unanimously condemned the attack.

The bomb, which police said was made of about five pounds of explosive, was placed in a locker at the airport and went off just as the presidential plane was taxiing toward the gate Thursday.

The terminal was filled with hundreds of people hoping to see the president, who was on a brief visit to Corsica campaigning for the April 26 presidential election, as well as many others waiting for a regular flight. Giscard d'Estaing was unaware of the bombing until told by aides.

No one has claimed responsibility for the attack. Corsica was the scene of more than 400 bombings last year, the majority of which were claimed by the separatist Corsican National Liberation Front, a small group with an estimated hard core of 250-300 members, seeking total independence from France.

In Marseille, hospital officials said Peter Hitz, 19, of Switzerland, died overnight from severe head injuries. Hitz, the most seriously injured in the bombing, was evacuated by plane to the mainland shortly after the explo-



(Wirephoto)

**BLASTED AIRPORT:** Investigators and firemen looking at debris after a terrorist bomb explosion ripped through the crowded Ajaccio airport, Corsica, minutes before the arrival of French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing landed there Thursday for his re-election.

The president carried on as planned with his campaign rally. The only change in his schedule was a visit to the seven injured who remained in an Ajaccio hospital. The explosion ripped a three-foot hole in

the wall containing the locker, damaged a nearby stairway and several airport counters. Dozens of windows were shattered. Police said it was only by luck that there were not many more victims.

# Filipino ritual attracts tourists

MANDALUYONG, Philippines, April 17 (AP) — A Filipino laborer was nailed to a cross atop a rocky hill Friday, fulfilling an Easter vow to crucify himself in hopes of meeting a former American World War II soldier he said was his father. Donald Rexford Jr., 34, was impaled on the wooden cross before a crowd of 2,000, mostly women and children, in this eastern suburb of Manila.

In two other Philippine towns, four men and a woman were also nailed to crosses, in what has become a major tourist attraction. Officials of San Fernando, 48 kms north of Manila, estimated 20,000 persons watched as, for the first time, three men were hoisted up on crosses atop a hill in a rice field.

Before he was crucified, Rexford dragged the 40-kilo cross on his shoulders in a nine-hour, barefoot march through four towns, while friends dressed like Roman centurions lashed his back with leather and bamboo whips. He began his march at 3:30 a.m. (local time). An hour past noon, in blazing summer heat, 100 "centurions" drove 13-cm stainless nails through his palms with hammer blows.

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# U.N. sea law talks to resume sans U.S.

UNITED NATIONS, April 17 (AP) — Ambassador Tommy Koh of Singapore, president of the U.N. Law of the Sea Conference, suggested Thursday that the Reagan administration be subjected to "benign pressure" to speed up completion of an international treaty governing the seas.

Koh directed his advice at impatient delegates as the conference decided without formal objections to resume its current 10th session in Geneva, Switzerland, on Aug. 3 for 4 or, possible, five weeks.

The conference agreed to try to complete work on the treaty at Geneva, even though the United States had said its review of the draft convention would not be finished until the fall.

Leonard Lefkow, spokesman for the U.S.

delegation, insisted that "we are not going to be rushed into completing our review. We will move as rapidly as possible." The American delaying action came under a new barrage of criticism as the conference began winding up its generally fruitless New York session which opened March 9.

In response to questions from the floor, Koh said the delegates must decide at Geneva whether to formalize the treaty even without U.S. agreement.

However, conference sources doubted that an effective treaty would emerge without American participation since the United States is expected to play the leading financial and technological role in future exploitation of minerals on the deep seabed.

Koh said the Group of 77 which has grown to 122 developing countries had told him the conference could not wait for one country, meaning the United States.

"Under some benign pressure from the conference," Koh suggested, "the United States government might be able to accelerate the completion of its review." Lefkow commented that the United States continued to welcome the views of other countries but the final American decision "will be taken in the light of U.S. national interests."

Original conference plans had called for the treaty to be completed at the current session in New York and to be signed at Caracas, Venezuela, but shortly before the session opened, the Reagan administration instructed his delegation not to complete work on the draft, pending a review of what had been worked during seven years of negotiations involving three previous U.S. administrations.

## EEC steel firms to reduce output

PARIS, April 17 (AFP) — The European Economic Community (EEC) steel firms in the Eurofer organization have worked out a plan for voluntary output curbs, Eurofer said Friday.

A meeting in Luxembourg Thursday, they devised a scheme, to run on from the compulsory EEC restrictions that expire on July 30. The industry's plan will be put to the EEC Commission in the next few days.

Next week talks will be held with firms not participating in the arrangement, with a view to bringing them into the scheme.

Eurofer members account for 80 per cent of West European steel production.

## Italy seeks \$5 billion cut in spending

ROME, April 17 (R) — The Italian government has proposed public spending cuts of some 5,000 billion lira (\$5 billion) as part of its strategy to cut inflation and restore the flagging economy.

Officials said the cuts were decided at a six-hour cabinet meeting and would now go to parliament for approval. The cuts in regional and local government spending, allied to increased medical, welfare and educational charges, are designed to reduce the public spending deficit to some \$3.5 billion.

The cabinet also approved bills for more investment in Italy's ailing steel industry and other state sector industries, but the details were not immediately known.

Thursday night's measures had been widely forecast as pressure increased on the government to tackle a 20 per cent inflation rate, rising imports and stagnant exports. Rather than enforce the cuts as decrees, the government decided to present them in bills to parliament.

Budget Minister Giorgio La Malfa said after the meeting that the cabinet had acknowledged the strong parliamentary opposition to the cuts and forecast the bills would be speedily approved by both the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate.

Thursday, parliament gave final approval to the 1981 budget after six months of discussions. Original plans presented last October were upset by November's earthquake in southern Italy and several opposition victories on parliamentary budget amendments.

These measures, which follow last month's six per cent devaluation of the lira and credit curbs to cut imports, did not include any attack on the wage-indexing system blamed by some government analysts for fuelling inflation.

**Thirty million people termed poor in EEC**

BRUSSELS, April 17 (AFP) — Almost one-fifth of the people living in European Community nations are considered to be poor, according to a report being prepared by the European Commission, sources close to the group said.

Of the 30 million poor, one-third earn less than 40 per cent of the average income, the sources quoted Thursday the draft report as saying the report is based on studies by the member governments.

Wall Street

## Technology stocks top list

NEW YORK, April 17 (AP) — With all the contortions the stock market has gone through so far in 1981, "high-technology" remains a magic phrase on Wall Street.

In the late 1970s and 1980, many "hi-tech" issues soared, joining energy stocks as the leaders of a powerful bull market. Since new year, the energy stocks have turned abruptly lower, and some of the big-name technology issues have taken their lumps as well.

International Business Machines, for example, traded below \$60 in the past week for the first time since last summer. Texas Instruments, the Dallas-based producer of semi-conductors, micro-processors and other electronic equipment and products, sold late in the past week around \$118 down from an all-time high of \$150.75 in the waning days of last year.

But the list of stocks with the highest price-earnings ratios on the New York stock exchange still bristles with high-technology names worthy of a science-fiction novel — ComputerVision, Prime Computer, Tymshare, Datapoint, Analog Devices, Spectra-Physics, and more.

Kidder, Peabody and Co., the brokerage firm that compiles the list monthly, noted that its March tally of the "top 50" showed 22 technology stocks, up from 20 the month before.

The representation of the next-biggest group, energy, fell to 12 from 15 in February. Price-earnings ratios, which are calculated simply by dividing the price of a given stock by the company's most recent annual earnings per share, are considered a sensitive measure of investors' expectations.

If people are willing to pay, say, 25 times what a company is currently earning, they are clearly expecting big increases in future profits. By contrast, a low price-earnings ratio suggests that participants in the market see mediocre prospects at best for the company involved.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks rose 3.31 to 1,005.88 in the four-day trading week ended Thursday, lately has been carrying a modest price-earnings ratio of about eight.

By contrast, the median price-earnings for Kidder Peabody's top 50 was 24 in March, and the three leaders — ComputerVision, Prime Computer and M-A CoCom, all were over 40.

For most of the 1970s, with the United States preoccupied by inflation and erratic economic growth, price-earnings ratios of the top 50 declined sharply. At the start of 1972, the median price-earnings was above 50. By early 1978, it was down to 13.

## OPEC aide lists factors for fixing price

WASHINGTON, April 17 (R) — A leading official of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has said the surplus on world markets would be only a factor in deciding whether to raise prices at OPEC meeting next month.

OPEC Deputy Secretary General Fakh Al-Chalabi told Thursday a National Petroleum Club luncheon here: "OPEC countries in their decision cannot but take this as a sign in deciding price, but only to a certain extent."

Oil experts said the glut might prevent OPEC raising prices at its meeting in Geneva May 25.

Chalabi said other factors to be considered included keeping prices high to discourage consumption and maintaining revenues to continued development of the 13 OPEC members.

	SAMA	Cash	Trans
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.50	8.50
Belgian Franc (1,000)	94.00	100.00	—
Canadian Dollar	2.81	3.20	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	155.00	153.00	153.15
Dutch Guilder (100)	140.00	141.00	139.60
Egyptian Pound	—	4.10	4.00
Emirate Dirham (100)	—	91.20	91.20
French Franc (100)	—	67.00	65.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	66.20
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.20
Iranian Ryal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.00	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	—	32.00	31.00
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	—	15.00
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.35	10.25
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.22	12.12
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	83.80	83.80
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	71.00	71.00
Pakistan Rupee (100)	—	—	24.00
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	44.00
Pound Sterling	7.29	7.30	7.32
Qatar Riyal (100)	—	92.00	92.00
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	33.20
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	41.00	—
Swiss Franc (100)	169.00	173.00	167.00
Syrian Lira (100)	—	55.40	55.30
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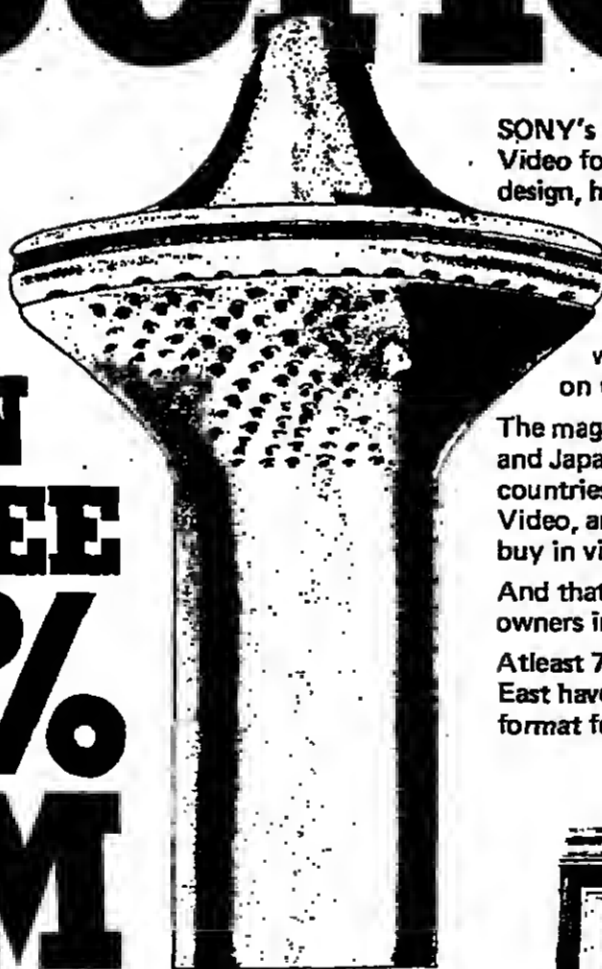
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**Sanderson in dazzling form**

# Cardinals, Expos score fluent wins

NEW YORK, April 17 (AP) — Pitcher Scott Sanderson of Montreal took matters into his own hands at the plate as well Thursday, pitching a shutout and driving in four runs as the Expos routed the Chicago Cubs 7-0.

Sanderson scattered five hits in the six innings he worked and knocked in the only run he needed in the second inning. He followed Chris Speier's double with one of his own off Lynn McGlothen, then scored on Tim Lincecum's single for a 2-0 lead.

In the fifth, he capped a four-run rally with a base-clearing double against reliever Doug Capilla.

In another National League afternoon game, Keith Hernandez and George Hendrick ripped two-run homers and Darrell Porter had a solo shot as the St. Louis Cardinals belted the New York Mets 5-1.

In an NL night game, Mike Schmidt homered and Pete Rose stroked three hits, including an RBI double, to propel the Philadelphia Phillies to a 5-3 triumph over Pittsburgh for a sweep of their three-game series.

In an American League afternoon game, Toby Harrah walked in the second inning and Bo Diaz doubled him home, the only run Wayne Garland needed as the Cleveland

right-hander ruined Milwaukee's home opener with a six-hitter that gave the Indians a 1-0 victory over the Brewers.

At night in the AL, Milt Wilcox outpitched Dave Stieb for the second time in five days and Alan Trammell had an RBI double as the Detroit Tigers trimmed Toronto 2-0.

In Wednesday's AL action, the Seattle Mariners edged the Minnesota Twins 6-5; the Boston Red Sox beat the Baltimore Orioles 7-2; the Chicago White Sox stopped U.K. Milwaukee Brewers 5-4; the Texas Rangers rocked the Cleveland Indians 8-0; the New York Yankees beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-3 and the Detroit Tigers blanked the Kansas City Royals 4-0.

Armas' towering drive to center field at Anaheim Stadium came after three walks and a ground ball broke up a shutout bid by Angel starter Jesse Jefferson.

Rick Burleson had four hits for California. He singled home the first run of the game in



SCOTT SANDERSON ... takes matters into hands.

the third and tripled to lead off the sixth, scoring on a sacrifice fly by Fred Lynn. Singles by Tom Brunansky and Butch Hobson and a groundout extend the Angels' lead to 3-0 in the seventh.

### Baseball Standings

American League					National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB	East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Detroit	5	1	.833	—	Montreal	3	1	.750	—
New York	3	2	.600	1½	Philadelphia	4	2	.667	—
Baltimore	2	2	.500	2	New York	3	2	.600	½
Boston	2	2	.500	2	St. Louis	2	2	.500	1
Cleveland	2	3	.400	2½	Chicago	1	4	.200	2½
Milwaukee	2	3	.400	2½	Pittsburgh	1	4	.200	2½
Toronto	2	4	.333	3	West				
West					Oakland	8	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	3	1	.750	3	Chicago	3	1	.750	3
Cincinnati	2	3	.400	4½	Texas	2	3	.400	4½
Atlanta	3	5	.375	5	California	3	5	.375	5
Houston	2	4	.333	5	Seattle	2	4	.333	5
San Diego	1	3	.250	5	Kansas City	1	3	.250	5
San Francisco	2	5	.286	4½	Minnesota	1	5	.167	6

## Panatta ousts Higuera to make last four

MONTE CARLO, Monaco, April 17 (AP) — Italian Adriano Panatta qualified for the semifinals of the \$250,000 Monte Carlo Open Tennis Tournament with a hard-fought 6-1, 1-6, 6-4 victory over Spain's Jose Higuera Thursday.

In the quarterfinals, No. 2 seed American Jimmy Connors defeated Pascal Portes of France in straight sets, 6-3, 6-1; No. 3 seed Guillermo Vilas of Argentina bested Giancarlo Ocleppo of Italy 6-4, 6-1; fellow Argentinian Ricardo Cano came from behind to grab a 6-7, 6-2 6-1 win over American Sammy Giammalva, and Czechoslovakia's

Tomas Smid eliminated France's Lupin Moretton 6-1, 7-6.

Connors now faces Yannick Noah, France's top rated player, in a quarterfinal game Friday. Vilas meets Smid Friday in the quarterfinals. The Czech, seeded No. 8 sailed to an easy 6-1 win over Moretton in the first set, then lost service twice to trail by 4-1 in the second set.

Cano faces Balaz Tarocz of Hungary in another quarterfinal game Friday.

The 28-year-old Connors kept Portes, the No. 2 French player, from scoring a single point in five of their games. "I still have some

## Strange accomplishes unique feat

RANCHO LA COSTA, California, April 17 (AP) — Curtis Strange birdied the last four holes — the first time in this history of the event — the feat has been accomplished — to complete a 6-under-par 66 and take the first round lead Thursday in the \$300,000 Money-Tournament of Champions.

"A fantastic finish," said Bruce Lietzke, Strange's playing partner in this exclusive event that brings together only the winners of

## Zimbabwe goes down fighting

By Shahid Orakzai  
Arab News Correspondent

RAWALPINDI, April 17 — Zimbabwe had the taste of hockey standard in Pakistan when Rawalpindi zone, a regional combination, beat them by two goals to nil in an exhibition match at the Army Hockey Stadium here Thursday.

The Zimbabwe team, which played and lost a three Test series against Pakistan last month before going to Kuala Lumpur where they participated in 12-nation Intercontinental Hockey tournament to finish second last, arrived here Wednesday.

A crowd of over six thousand hockey enthusiasts witnessed the home team's inside-left Muhammad Naseer notching up a goal in each half.

Zimbabwe conceded goals in the 26th and 62 minutes after exerting pressure on their opponents. The Zimbabweans did get their chances, but they failed with five penalty-corners and an equal number of corners due to a solid rival defense. But it was more a goodwill encounter for home team, otherwise they could have easily raised the margin of their win.

PGA tour titles from the last 12 months. "Those finishing holes are as good as any I've ever played anywhere," said Lee Trevino, who birdied three of them and was second with a 67.

"He only beat me by six shots on those holes," mused Jack Nicklaus, who matched par 72 and said the score was "nothing to write home about. I was playing pretty well, had it three under after 12 holes and then couldn't finish the round."

And Tom Watson, who played those last four holes two over par, had even less to shout about. Watson, winner of the Masters' last week and winner of this title for the last two seasons, headed for the practice tee for a long workout after shooting a 74 that put him far back in the elite, 29-man field.

"Watson isn't out of it," Trevino said. "If he loses seven more shots to me tomorrow, then maybe he's out of it. But not until then."

Lietzke, who finished second in this tournament in both his previous appearances, and Bill Rogers were two strokes off the lead at 68.

The group at 69, three under par on the 6,911-yard La Costa Country club course,

included Howard Twitty, Canadian Dan Halldorson, Ray Floyd and Tom Kite.

Strange, 26, winner of two titles last year, said he was "just kind of struggling to stay at par or one under for about the first 10 holes, then I started playing better, hitting the ball better."

Only some excellent potting kept him there. He birdied twice, on putts of 20 and 30 feet, once made bogey from a bunker and dropped another 20 footer to save par.

On the 12th, he got to two under par with another 20 footer, then romped into the lead with his unmatched success over "the last mile," the final four holes that measure exactly one mile in length and comprise one of the toughest sets of finishing holes in the game.

He got an 8-iron shot to within eight feet and birdied the 15th. He chipped in from the front fringe on the 16th, hit a 7-iron third shot to 15 feet and made birdie-4 on the 17th, then closed it out with another 20-foot putt on the 18th.

"Just one of those things that happen," he shrugged. "I just wish I could have kept right on playing, gone right into the next 18 holes."

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**China, Hungary maintain good showing**

**Sweden gives Japan a big jolt**

NOVI SAD, Yugoslavia, April 17 (R) — China continued their awesome form in the Women's Corbillon Cup at the World Table Tennis Championships Friday with a 3-0 win over Czechoslovakia.

It was their fifth 3-0 win in Group 'A' and a fourth successive women's team title looks on the cards.

Hungary the men's team title holders, also extended their winning sequence to five matches with a 5-2 victory over North Korea in a Swaythling Cup Group 'B' clash.

China's only hitch against the Czechoslovaks was the minor inconvenience of the loss of just one game, conceded by world No. 3 Qi Baoxiang against Marie Hrachova, Qi won 21-12, 12-21, 21-10, while Tong Ling swept aside Blanka Silhanova 21-8, 21-12.

China's victory was sealed by doubles pair Zhang De-ying and Vao Yanhan, the world's No. 1 and two respectively, who trounced Silhanova and Alice Pelikanova 21-9, 21-15. South Korea and West Germany spearhead Group 'B' with four wins out of five.

The South Koreans, returning to the championships after their absence at Pyongyang, North Korea, two years ago, beat Japan 3-1 and the West Germany overpowered Finland 3-0.

Hosts Yugoslavia beat the Soviet Union 5-2 this morning.

Hungary's clash with Yugoslavia Saturday afternoon is likely to provide a rousing climax to the first stage matches in Group 'B'.

Japan, who finished third in the last championships in North Korea suffered a crushing 5-0 defeat by Sweden.

It was the first defeat for the Japanese team who previously beat Indonesia 5-0, South Korea 5-0, and West Germany 5-2, and it could prove a real setback to Japan's chances of qualifying for the semifinals.

The Swedish team had hardly seemed a likely side to seriously threaten Japan. Although they hold the European title they had suffered a 5-0 defeat against France and lost 5-3 to England. But they found their

form against the Japanese side which included world champion Seiji Ono.

In the first single, former world singles champion Norio Takashima put up a good defense against 1971 world champion Stellan Bengtsson coming back to take the second game 21-18 after losing the first 18-21. But he was beaten 21-19 in the final set.

Everything started well for Seiji Ono in the second single and he took the first game from young Michael Appelgreen 22-20 but he collapsed under a fierce Swedish counter-attack to lose the next two 21-16, 21-14.

The same fate struck Hideo Goto who also captured the first game 21-18 against Ulf Carlsson and then went down 21-16, 21-15 in the next two.

Japan slid further when Seiji Ono could offer no real defense to a Bengtsson in ever-improving form and lost 21-13, 21-14. In the fifth single, Takashima fought back well to take the second game 21-15 after losing the first 21-15 Carlsson but Japanese morale had drained away and he lost the third 21-14.

**RESULTS**

**MEN:** New Zealand beat Palestine 5-0; Poland beat Australia 5-0; Brazil beat Malta 5-0; Czechoslovakia beat Italy 5-0; Singapore beat Mexico 5-1; Greece beat Macao 5-3; Brazil beat Iceland 5-0; Dominican Republic beat Morocco 5-0; Nepal beat Palestine 5-1; Cyprus beat Malta 5-2; Scotland beat Greece 5-1; New Zealand beat Mexico 5-2; Yugoslavia beat North Korea 5-2; Hungary beat Czechoslovakia 5-2; Poland beat Soviet Union 5-3; Italy beat Australia 5-3.

Korea beat Indonesia 5-0; Denmark beat Finland 5-2; Luxembourg beat Ecuador 5-2; Hong Kong beat Norway 5-0; India beat Israel 5-0; Romania beat Wales 5-2; Austria beat Switzerland 5-1; Portugal beat Trinidad 5-3; Sweden beat Japan 5-0; Netherlands beat United States 5-3; Egypt beat Malaysia 5-4; Belgium beat Spain 5-4; Nigeria beat Bulgaria 5-3; France beat England 5-4.

**WOMEN:** New Zealand beat Switzerland 3-0; Bulgaria beat Denmark 3-0; China beat Czechoslovakia 3-0; West Germany beat Finland 3-0; Hungary beat Hong Kong 3-0;

South Korea beat Japan 3-1; Austria beat Singapore 3-0; Poland beat Australia 3-0; Netherland beat Luxembourg 3-0; Switzerland beat Israel 3-0; Belgium beat Indonesia 3-2.

China beat Hungary 3-0; Argentina beat Ghana 3-1; Japan beat Czechoslovakia 3-1; South Korea beat Finland 3-0; West Germany beat Hong Kong 3-2; Soviet Union beat England 3-0; Romania beat India 3-1; North Korea beat France 3-0; Sweden beat Yugoslavia 3-0.

**Soccer tid-bits**

COVENTRY, England (AP) — Coventry City midfielder Gerry Daly has been suspended for one international match by soccer's governing body FIFA. Daly, who has been cautioned in two recent internationals, will miss the Republic of Ireland's World Cup qualifying match against Holland in Amsterdam on September 9.

MUNICH, (AP) — Paul Breitner, the stylish Bayern Munich midfielder, is to return to the West German soccer team after nearly five years, national team coach Jupp Derwall said Tuesday.

Breitner, 29 last appeared for West Germany in November 1975, and vowed never to play for his country because he felt he had been unjustifiably criticized for the team's

falling. He has also repeatedly criticized West German soccer officialdom. But after a two-hour talk with Derwall Tuesday, he said his target was next year's World Championships in Spain.

Derwall said if Breitner is fit, he will play for West Germany against qualifying Group leaders Austria in Hamburg on April 29, a match which decides which of the two teams goes to Spain.

ST. MALO, France, (AFP) — Teams from eight countries are to compete in the St. Malo Junior International Football Tournament here over the weekend. Holders Sweden who are this year's favorites compete in Group "A" while France, finalists last year played in Group "B".

**Thorburn takes lead**

SHEFFIELD, England, April 17 (R) — Defending champion Cliff Thorburn of Canada led Britain's Steve Davis 8-6 at the end of the second session in the semifinals of the World Professional Snooker Championships Friday.

Thorburn who trailed 4-3 overnight, struck top form today to run away with the last four frames.

Results: Thorburn leads Davis 8-6. Second session scores (Thorburn first): 11-53, 56-34, 38-52, 67-0, 123-4, 79-6, 78-25.

In the other semifinals: Doug Mountjoy (Britain) leads Ray Reardon (Britain) 5-3. First session frame scores (Mountjoy first): 71-6, 65-50, 30-63, 70-53, 110-1, 20-56, 22-68, 74-0.

Meanwhile, Referee Jim Thorpe intends to protest at the way he was treated by the promoters of the World Professional Championship at Sheffield this week.

Thorpe awarded a push shot decision against Irish champion Dennis Taylor in the second session of his first-round match against Canadian Kirk Stevens on Sunday.

Taylor did not protest but, acting on behalf of the promoters, senior referee John Williams told Thorpe, just six minutes before play was due to restart, that he would not be refereeing the final session.

Thorpe intend to raise the matter at the next meeting of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Referees' Association, of which he is vice chairman.

**Zimbabwe bars visit of Irish rugby team**

SALISBURY, April 17 (AP) — Zimbabwe has barred an Irish rugby team from coming here to play against local sides because of Irish sports links with white-ruled South Africa, Sports Minister Ernest Kadungure announced.

In an interview Friday in the pro-government *Salisbury Herald*, Kadungure said the black-majority government will not allow the Irish Greystones team to enter the country as scheduled, on May 1 to play six matches against Zimbabwean teams.

"We will not allow them to come here because of their association's close links with South Africa," the minister told the newspaper. Ireland's Rugby Football Union is planning to send a 26-man squad to South Africa on May 9 for a tour that will include two "Test" matches against the South African Springboks.

**In Safari Motor Rally Kullang shoots ahead**

NAIROBI, April 17 (R) — Anders Kullang of West Germany kept his West German works Opel Ascona 400 in front as the first leg of the 5,000-kilometer (3,100-mile) Safari Motor Rally drew to an end Friday.

Kullang's closest pursuer was the Finn Timo Salonen in a Datsun S 110. He had lost 56 points to Saloneo's 67 at Nakuru, a bunching control point northeast of Nairobi.

Fewer than 60 of the 70 cars that started off Thursday had survived the extremely wet conditions that cost them heavy penalties and forced organizers to extend the time limits into Nakuru on the 1600-kilometer leg.

The holder, Shekhar Mehta, in a works Datsun Violet GT, had moved up to third place with 70 points. Next came the "Flying Finn" Rauno Aaltonen in another factory Datsun Violet. He had lost 73 points.

Chasing the Opel of Kullang and the three Datsuns were the French factory Peugeot 504 Coupes of Frenchman Guy Frequetin and the Finn Timo Makinen.

Just before the rally got underway the 70 cars were diverted from the original rutted bush track to an all-weather tarmac road because of heavy rain.

But as the cars moved from Kisumu to the north, close to the Kenya-Uganda border, they were forced back on to rough bush tracks, which, coupled with the heavy rain, was expected to give the drivers a demanding time.

Shekhar Mehta, a Uganda-born British national, was one of a number of drivers held up by punctures. He had two and was back in 12th position when his Datsun Violet GT reached Kisumu.

Italian Sandro Muoari, driving an American Dodge Ramcharger, was the first big name casualty. He was forced to change his gearbox on the way to Kisumu and a bulletin from Safari headquarters said that he had "been excluded" for failing to report at the first control point before its closure.

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**Basic Card Reading**

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠A72  
 ♥K63  
 ♦Q854  
 ♣A98

**EAST**  
 ♠94  
 ♥AQJ874  
 ♦J96  
 ♣K4

**WEST**  
 ♠1063  
 ♥952  
 ♦10732  
 ♣J108

**SOUTH**  
 ♠KQJ85  
 ♥10  
 ♦AK  
 ♣97532

The bidding:  
 East South West North  
 1♥ 1♠ Pass 2NT  
 Pass 3♣ Pass 4♣

Opening lead - nine of hearts.

Card reading is the process by which a player can determine the makeup of the unseen hands and, as a result, play his cards to the best advantage. Consider this deal from a national pair championship.

At most tables South arrived at four spades, despite East's opening bid of a heart. But the real challenge of the hand depended not so much on whether game was reached as

When West followed with the ten, they played low from dummy and were rewarded for their perspicacity when East was forced to win the trick with the king. The club duck, though only a minor challenge to anyone versed in card reading, brought those declarers a tie for top score.

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**Your Individual Horoscope**

Frances Drake

FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)  
 Act on your inspirations now. Partnerships are highlighted, but will require some give-and-take to insure a harmonious result.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20)  
 You'll have to fight down an escapist mood. If successful, you'll make progress on a work assignment. Utilize new insights.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)  
 A charitable mood makes you anxious to help others. A friend's teasing could offend you. Tact is needed with loved ones.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)  
 Work lunches pay off now. Idealism spurs you to accomplishment, but remember to be considerate of the wishes of family and loved ones.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22)  
 Travel puts you in a romantic mood. Utilize extra mental energy in creative work. Avoid arguments with a contentious person.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)  
 You're anxious to make home the place of your

dreams and will work towards that end. Watch a tendency to argue about money.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)  
 Travel or local visits prove inspiring. A small difference of opinion with a loved one could escalate into an argument, so be careful.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)  
 A sudden realization could make you angry. Don't cry over spilt milk. If you pace yourself, you'll make progress on a work project.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)  
 Trust your intuition in dealing with friends and loved ones and you'll avoid arguments. Know when to hold your peace.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)  
 You'll need some time by yourself to work out a career matter, but be sure to save some time for family life. Don't complain.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)  
 You'll make exciting contacts now, but may experience some small difficulty when traveling. Don't let things get your goat.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)  
 A close tie may not go along with you about a money plan. Still, your long-range planning has a touch of genius about it.

**Crossword**

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 7 Musical note  
 8 Tessera  
 9 Prevent (Law)  
 10 Understudy, e.g.  
 11 Understudy, e.g.  
 12 Dress fabric  
 13 Denoting nonannual workers  
 14 Celtic deity  
 15 Word (Fr.)  
 16 Porker  
 17 - mignon  
 18 Downgrade  
 19 Facility  
 20 Facility  
 21 Fluctuate  
 22 Footwear  
 23 Unruffled  
 24 Gruffia univ.  
 25 Snake  
 26 Likely  
 27 Blithe  
 28 Followers of Mussolini  
 29 Lave  
 30 Choice  
 31 Anesthetic  
 32 Missile site  
 33 sentry  
 34 DOWN  
 35 Machine part  
 36 Pang  
 37 Prison (sl.)  
 38 Drunk  
 39 Hermit  
 40 Ham it up

DOWN 1 Tesser  
 2 Viva voce  
 3 Jaunty  
 4 Songstress  
 5 Natalie  
 6 Strong suit  
 7 Mourful  
 8 Fat  
 9 Taro root  
 10 Bovine talk  
 11 Latin hall  
 12 D.C. body (abbr.)  
 13 long  
 14 Massenet  
 15 opera  
 16 Primrose - union  
 17 Yesterday's Answer  
 18 37 Grating  
 19 38 - boy!  
 20 39 Belgian river  
 21 41 Guevara  
 22 42 Stevedore

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5:25	Kids From C.A.P.E.R.	8:30	World News	10:45	Look Ahead
5:49	Sports Spectacular	9:00	World News	11:00	World News
6:16	Jacqueline Cousteau	9:30	World News	11:15	World News
7:17	Linda Howe on the Phone	10:00	World News	11:30	World News
8:05	Quarter Country	10:30	World News	11:45	World News
8:28	Hart to Hart	11:00	World News	12:00	World News
9:15	Dallas	11:30	World News	12:15	World News
<b>SATURDAY: 4:00 Quran; 4:25 Today's Program; 4:30 Children's Programs; 6:00 Mays; 7:00 Daily Arabic Series; 8:00 Arabic News; 8:15 Sports Magazine; 9:30 English News; 10:00 Local Program; 10:20 The Rivals of Sherlock Holmes; 12:00 Noon.</b>					
<b>SATURDAY: 1:00 Quran; 1:15 Religious Program; 1:30 Cartoons; 2:00 Children's Series; 2:30 Sports; 4:00 Sierra; 5:15 Daily Arabic Series; 6:00 Arabic News; 6:15 Paul Andrews; 7:05 Singapore; 7:35 Daily Arabic Series; 8:30 Arabic News; 9:00 Broadcasting and Television; 10:00 English News; 10:20 Arabic Comedy; 11:30 News; 11:55 Quran.</b>					
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<b>SATURDAY: 5:00 Quran; 5:05 Religious Talk; 5:30 Cartoons; 6:00 Batman; 6:30 Photographic; 7:00 A Foot From My Country; 7:30 Religious Series; 8:00 Local News; 8:10 Local News; 8:10 Local News; 9:00 Arabic Drama; 10:00 World News; 10:15 Semj. Program Review; 10:30 Arabic Film.</b>					
<b>SATURDAY: 6:00 Quran; 6:15 Customs; 6:20 Children of States; 7:01 The Gloom and Mrs. Muir; 7:30 North and Middle; 8:00 Name Horoscopes; 8:10 Local News; 8:10 Local News; 9:00 Killers Life and Death of Penelope; 10:00 World News; 10:15 News; 10:25 News; 10:50 Elizabeth R.</b>					
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## Terrorist death

# Violence sweeps W. German towns

BONN, April 17 (Agencies) — A wave of violence has swept West Germany following the death in jail Thursday of hunger-striking extremist Sigurd Debus, a member of the outlawed Red Army Faction (RAF). A bomb exploded overnight at West Berlin's Free University, causing minor damages, and the attack was later claimed by Debus sympathizers.

Petrol bombs were flung through bank and shop windows in West Berlin, Frankfurt and Hanover. Clashes broke out in Frankfurt and two police were injured. Fifty persons occupied a church in Osnabrück to show solidarity with jailed extremists and a bomb

exploded outside the local courthouse in Ravensburg, causing minor damage.

Peaceful demonstrations were staged meanwhile in Goettingen, Dusseldorf and Cologne. West German authorities put police on a state of alert in every major city.

Debus, 38, demanded treatment as a prisoner of war and relaxation of stringent prison rules. After his death was announced, 23 other imprisoned members of the Red Army Faction and June 2 Movement ended their hunger strikes. Two other continued their 72-day hunger strike.

Police in West Berlin said a six-kilogram bomb hidden in a fire extinguisher exploded in a building of the Max Planck Institute in the city's Schmargendorf district, causing some 10,000 marks (\$5,000) damage but no injuries. Elsewhere in the divided city, gangs of youths smashed shop and bank windows and scattered pro-RAF handbills.

About 208 youths clashed with police in Frankfurt's university district near the headquarters of the U.S. army corps. Officials said the youths slashed auto tires and painted slogans such as "Sigurd Debus murdered in hunger strike" on walls. Five persons were arrested, police said, but were later released.

Meanwhile, the West German army has inadequate ammunition stocks and its latest bombs and rockets do not work, the news weekly *Der Spiegel* reported in its latest edition, adding that the news had shocked the country's members of parliament. The magazine said it based its revelations on evidence given confidentially to a parliamentary defense commission by Army Chief of Staff Jergen Brandt.

It said the army was only "conditionally operational" and was unable to fulfill directives set by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization alliance for maintaining 30-day reserves in fuel and ammunition.



**TIME BOMB:** One of the two incendiary bombs built of an oil can with a timer was found by police in a Hamburg University building where a bomb exploded early Wednesday.

## Zairian prime minister quits

BRUSSELS, April 17 (AP) — Zaire's Prime Minister Nguzu Karl I Bond has resigned, the Zairian news agency AZAP reported Friday. AZAP said Nguzu had written from Brussels to Zaire's President Mobutu Sese Seko, announcing his resignation as premier. He also quit all other political functions. He was a leading member of the

country's only political party MPR. The reason for his resignation was not given, but AZAP called it an act of cowardice. Nguzu, one of the left-wing politicians, was sentenced to death in 1977 for plotting against Mobutu's regime. He was foreign minister at the time. But Mobutu commuted the sentence and Nguzu only served 10 months of a life term.

## Ugandan MP shot dead

KAMPALA, April 17 (R) — A Ugandan member of parliament was shot and killed by anti-government forces while driving near Kampala, Interior Minister John Luluwiza-Kirunda interrupted television and radio programs to announce that Professor Joseph Muhangi, a member of President Milton Obote's ruling Uganda People's Congress (UPC), had been killed. The minister said the killers had "struck at the very foundation of our country," but he gave no details of the murder.

Mobutu had accused him of trying to overthrow his regime during the 1977 invasion of the southern Shaba province by Zaire's political refugees coming from Angola. Nguzu recovered his foreign minister job in 1979 and had been appointed prime minister a few months later.

AZAP said Nguzu had left Kinshasa for Brussels, claiming he was attending his wife who is on medical treatment there "cowardly giving up his statesman responsibilities." In a long comment, the Zairian news agency called him "the former deserting prime minister" saying his action was "marked with grown cowardice."

AZAP added "nobody will regret Nguzu", and said MPR's central committee had learned "this cowardly desertion from Mobutu himself with strong and deep indignation."



**HOSTILE RECEPTION:** "Down with imperialism" and "Down with racist attacks on immigrants" are among the slogans written on posters being carried by leftist demonstrators at the Delhi airport Wednesday when British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher arrived on a four-day visit to India. Leftists boycotted the official functions organized by the Indian government for Mrs. Thatcher.

## Leftists boycott functions

# Thatcher asks Soviets to leave Kabul

NEW DELHI, April 17 (Agencies) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said Friday Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan is a prerequisite to halting the Western military buildup in the Indian Ocean region and Pakistan. "Until we have arrangements for the Soviet Union to withdraw from Afghanistan, we shall never regard the situation as normal, we shall never accept the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and we shall look at every activity of the Soviet Union accordingly," she told a new conference concluding her three-day visit to India's capital.

"For one to accept that the Soviet Union can march into and occupy an independent country means that no independent country is safe," Mrs. Thatcher said, brushing aside concern voiced by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, other Indian leaders and reporters about arms for Pakistan and superpower confrontation in this region. Defending Pakistan's quest for U.S. planes and military equipment, Mrs. Thatcher said, "If I had Soviet troops near my frontier and they had just recently occupied the country just beyond that frontier I would want the means to defend myself."

A reporter who reminded her of Third World demands for the return to Mauritius of

the U.S.-British naval base on Diego Garcia, in the Indian Ocean, was told by Mrs. Thatcher that "Diego Garcia is British territory and we have an agreement with the United States about its use also an agreement with Mauritius. The agreements provide that Diego Garcia will be returned to Mauritius when it is no longer needed for defense," she said.

Mrs. Thatcher disclosed that she conveyed to Mrs. Gandhi a message from President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq of Pakistan that his country desires to pursue peace and friendship with India. Zia recently gave the message to Lord Carrington, the British foreign secretary in Islamabad, she said.

Mrs. Thatcher later left for the west coast city of Bombay to start a one-week tour of the Gulf on Sunday. During her stay in New Delhi, the British prime minister held talks on wide ranging subjects with Mrs. Gandhi. Her colleagues signed several trade and cooperation agreements with their Indian counterparts.

Mrs. Thatcher's speech to the Indian parliament Thursday was boycotted by the large leftist bloc which criticized her "racist and belittling policies." Bhupesh, Gupta, a senior member of the pro-Soviet Communist Party of India, told a reporter that about 70 leftist

parliamentarians kept away because "we believe that there is nothing in common between India and Britain under her government." Gupta also said that the leftists, whose youth wings had organized two anti-Thatcher protests here, were boycotting all official functions arranged for Mrs. Thatcher and to which they were invited.

In an interview with the state-run Delhi television, Mrs. Thatcher stubbornly defended the United States' arming of Pakistan, saying Islamabad faced a possible threat from the Soviet Union. "The Americans are helping Pakistan, after all, to defend itself against the possibility of a Soviet threat from across the border," she said.

Mrs. Thatcher began the 30-minute interview by saying there was no tension in the Indo-British relations. "My visit, on the other hand, has shown great desire on the part of the two countries to have close cooperation."

Defending the controversial British nationality bill, she told the interviewer she did not agree that successive legislation in Britain had undermined the liberty of colored immigrants and made them vulnerable and insecure. She said half a million Indians with permanent British citizenship would not be affected by the bill.

## Algeria calls for aid to SWAPO

ALGIERS, April 17 (AP) — Algerian Foreign Minister Muhammad Benyahia opened a meeting Thursday night of the steering committee of the nonaligned movement with a call for unity and solidarity on the problems in southern Africa and said armed struggle is the "only credible recourse."

Speaking to 60 delegates from nations of the nonaligned movement, Benyahia pressed for military, political and economic support for the Southwest African Peoples' Organization (SWAPO), which is seeking independence for Namibia, and the frontline countries of Zambia, Angola, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Botswana, as well as liberation movements in South Africa.

"Independence is won, not granted," he said. "Given the evasions of South Africa and the intensification of its policy of oppression and aggression," it is important that the nonaligned movement helps with "its political weight and material." Benyahia rejected any proposals that may result from the African tour of Chester Crocker, U.S. President Ronald Reagan's nominee for assistant secretary of state for African affairs.

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